



## News Release

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### Public Process for Informing Michigan's Energy Future Kicks Off

**January 25, 2013** – The public input process announced in Governor Rick Snyder's Special Message on Energy and the Environment kicks off today with the launch of a new website and the schedule for seven public forums around the state.

The public forums will be hosted by Michigan Public Service Commission Chairman John D. Quackenbush and Michigan Energy Office Director Steve Bakkal, whom the governor charged with co-chairing and overseeing the public input process. The information gathered will assist public policymakers and the public as they take a comprehensive look at Michigan's energy future. As he discussed in the State of the State address last week, Governor Snyder will rely on the results of this process when making his comprehensive recommendations regarding Michigan's energy future in December.

The seven Michigan Energy Public Forums will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the following dates at the locations listed:

**Lansing**  
Thurs., February 14  
Library of Michigan  
702 W. Kalamazoo St.  
Lansing, MI 48909

**Grand Rapids**  
Monday, Feb. 25  
Grand Valley State University  
Loosemoore Auditorium  
401 Fulton St. West  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

**University Center (Tri-Cities area)**  
Monday, March 4  
Delta College  
Lecture Theater  
1961 Delta Rd.  
University Center, MI 48710

**Kalamazoo**  
Monday, March 18  
Western Michigan University  
Fetzer Center  
Kirsch Auditorium  
2350 Business Ct.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5239

**Detroit**  
Monday, March 25  
NextEnergy  
461 Burroughs Street  
Detroit, MI 48202

**Marquette**  
Friday, April 12  
Northern Michigan University  
Don H. Bottum University Center  
Brule & Cadillac Conference Rooms  
1401 Presque Isle  
Marquette, MI 49855

**Traverse City**  
Monday, April 22  
Northwestern Michigan College  
Hagerty Conference Center  
715 E. Front St.  
Traverse City, MI 49686

The agenda for each event and speakers will be provided approximately two weeks before each session. There will be time reserved for interested members of the public to speak at the forums as well.

On Friday, Jan. 25, a new website to facilitate public input will also begin accepting comments. [Michigan.gov/energy](http://Michigan.gov/energy), which will remain open to comments until April 25, will be a key tool in data gathering.

To assist the policymakers who will be making decisions, commenters are encouraged to submit their factual questions, information, reports, and suggestions on what information is needed to make good energy decisions.

To help guide the participation process, co-chairs Quackenbush and Bakka have developed a series of questions on the website that asks for specific information. All comments will be made available to the public for review and response. There will be specific questions in the area of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and the regulatory structure for electricity, as well as other energy topics. To keep the focus on verifiable facts, commenters are asked to refrain from advocating or recommending a particular policy.

The Governor's Special Message on Energy and the Environment, including Appendix A that describes this process, are available [here](#).